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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Huub Van Aert et al.) Attorney reference: 27500-13  
Serial No.: 09/996,554 ) Examiner: Funk, Stephen  
Filing Date: 11/28/2001 ) Group Art Unit: 2854  
Title: PRINTING SYSTEM WITH A )  
NEGATIVE WORKING THERMAL )  
PLATE FOR ON-PRESS )  
DEVELOPMENT )

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.113

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The remarks and amendments are submitted in response to the second final Office Action mailed October 21, 2003.

This response is accompanied with a one-month extension of time.

This response is also accompanied with a filing of a substitute specification and abstract in accordance with 37 CFR 1.125.

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims commencing on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments commence on page 10 of this paper.

The application is now in condition for allowance and reconsideration in light of the following is respectfully requested. Alternatively, the application is now in better condition for appeal.